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Fremont Hosts Second Annual Legislative Event

*Congressmen and Governor's Office Discuss Economic, Community and Sustainability
Development Priorities*

Fremont, CA – May 2, 2013 – Earlier today the City of Fremont hosted Federal, state and local elected officials and regional partners at its second annual Legislative Event, which took place at the local Tesla Motors manufacturing facility. The event opened with remarks by Mayor Bill Harrison, and focused on the factors contributing to Fremont's success as well as the City's key legislative priorities. The event also featured Congressman Mike Honda, Congressman Eric Swalwell, and Kish Rajan from Governor Brown's Office to discuss key legislative priorities for economic and community development, sustainability, transportation and infrastructure.

An overview of the City of Fremont's economic climate and Warm Springs update was provided by Kelly Kline, Fremont's Economic Development Director. All of the speakers addressed the unparalleled advantage Fremont offers for companies and professionals in the manufacturing, life science and clean tech industries. Advantages include a 5-year Fremont business tax exemption to qualified businesses; assistance with business expansion and relocation; and a responsive development process. Energy consultant, Christine Hertzog, shared in-depth analysis that explains why so many clean tech companies are finding Fremont the ideal spot for their operations and described future opportunities to grow this sector's presence and success.

"Fremont has quickly become an innovation hub for manufacturing and clean tech, while at the same time providing residents and businesses with an ideal place to live, work and visit," said Mayor Harrison. "The resources we are putting behind economic and community development create a vibrant place that residents can be proud of and a booming environment that enables companies to create the most cutting-edge technologies and products in the Silicon Valley and across the globe."

The event highlighted the City's focus on economic stimulus programs, a broad array of housing initiatives and sustainable development. Additionally, the Mayor reviewed 2013 legislative and funding priorities which include the Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station west entrance, Warm Springs/South Fremont area transportation infrastructure, and the Capitol Avenue upgrade and extension in Downtown.

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